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## **MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY**

### **EXAMINATION GUIDELINES**

**GRADE 12**

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**These guidelines consist of 12 pages.**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Mechanical Technology outlines the nature and purpose of the subject Mechanical Technology. This guides the philosophy underlying the teaching and assessment of the subject in Grade 12.

The purpose of these Examination Guidelines is to:

- Provide clarity on the depth and scope of the content to be assessed in the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination in Mechanical Technology.
- Assist teachers to adequately prepare learners for the examinations.

This document deals with the final Grade 12 external examinations. It does not deal in any depth with the School Based Assessment, Performance Assessment Tasks or final external practical examinations as these are clarified in a separate PAT document which is updated annually.

This guideline should be read in conjunction with:

- *National Curriculum Statement (NCS) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Mechanical Technology*
- *National Protocol of Assessment: An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding the National Protocol for Assessment (Grades R–12)*
- National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R–12

**2. ASSESSMENT IN GRADE 12**

2.1 The structure/format of the question paper is as follows:

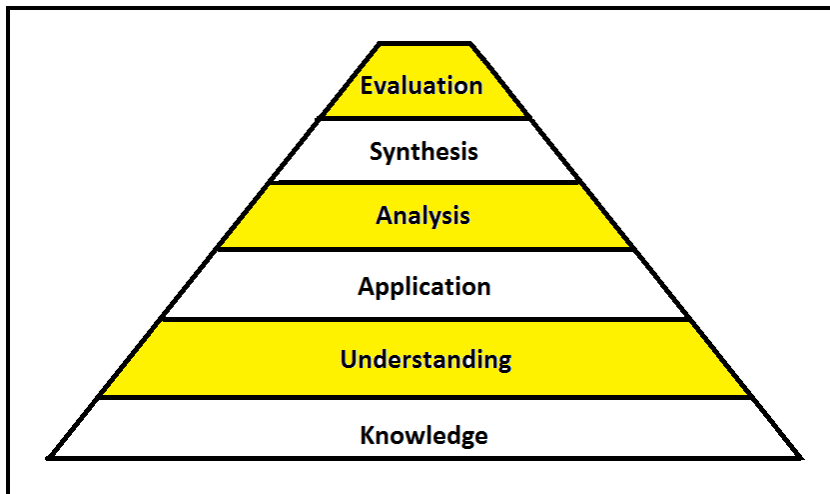
<b>QUESTION NO.</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
<b>ONE</b>	<b>Multiple Choice</b>	<p>This question covers all 9 topics for the grade 12 content.</p> <p>Twenty (20) questions will be set with a weighting of 1 mark each.</p> <p>Three questions each on (a) terminology and (b) systems and control.</p> <p>Two questions each on the remaining 7 topics.</p>	20
<b>TWO</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<p>Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations;</p> <p>Machine specific safety measures;</p> <p>Advanced tools and equipment specific safety measures.</p>	10
<b>THREE</b>	<b>Tools and equipment</b>	<p>Identify tools and equipment from drawings;</p> <p>Describe use, care, purpose, functions and principles of specialized tools and equipment;</p> <p>Label tools and equipment from given drawings.</p> <p>Simple calculation: depth micro meter and screw thread micro meter</p>	12
<b>FOUR</b>	<b>Materials</b>	<p>Reasons why certain products are made from enhanced materials taking into cognizance the environmental aspects.</p> <p>Description and explanation of the iron-carbon equilibrium diagram.</p> <p>Explanation of the typical characteristics changes at <math>AC_1</math>, <math>AC_2</math>, and <math>AC_3</math>.</p>	13

QUESTION NO.	TOPIC	CONTENT	MARKS
FIVE	Terminology	<p>Cutting procedures: Lathe: Metric V-thread screw cutting calculation on cutting depth using the compound slide method; Metric V-thread terms (know the entities of a labelled sketch; setting up of lathe and cutting tools).</p> <p>Milling machine i.e. up-cut, down-cut and gang milling;</p> <p>Identification of milling cutters for a milling machine;</p> <p>Calculations: simple indexing (application of gear cutting formula on addendum, cutting depth, etc.), keyways.</p>	30
SIX	Joining Methods	<p>Identification of welding defects from drawings; causes and correction methods of weld defects;</p> <p>Labelling of drawings on destructive and non-destructive weld tests;</p> <p>Description, analysis and application of weld tests;</p> <p>Labelling of diagrams/sketches and description of Metal Arc Gas Shielded (MAGS) or Metal Inert Gas Shielded (MIGS) welding.</p>	25
SEVEN	Forces	<p>Calculations: System of forces (maximum of four forces), resultant and equilibrant.</p> <p>Moments calculation beam with two vertical point loads and one uniformly distributed load.</p> <p>Calculations Young's Modulus of Elasticity, Stress and Strain, Type of forces; Change in length; the Stress/strain diagram and interpretation thereof.</p>	30
EIGHT	Maintenance	<p>Properties of lubricating oil – viscosity, pour point, flash point.</p> <p>Grading of oils: transmission oil, engine oil, differential oil, cutting fluid, grease.</p> <p>Replacement and maintenance of belt and chain drives and clutches.</p>	15

QUESTION NO.	TOPIC	CONTENT	MARKS
NINE	Systems and Control	<p><b>Calculations:</b></p> <p>Mechanical: Gears (including idler gear) Power transfer (including friction clutches), pulleys belts (v-belts, flat belts) belt speed and lengths for open and crossed belt drives.</p> <p>Hydraulic: Double – acting pistons and reservoir. Application of Pascal's law.</p> <p><b>Basic operating principles:</b></p> <p>Vehicle management systems/ECU. Anti-lock braking system (label diagram, principle of operation) Traction control Air bag control Central locking</p>	25
TEN	Turbines	<p>Types of turbines, their components, functions and operating principles of water, steam and gas turbines and turbochargers and superchargers</p> <p>Terminology related to turbines e.g. boost, blow-through system, draw through system, under/overdriven, adiabatic efficiency, volumetric efficiency, mechanical efficiency, density ratio, pressure ratio;</p>	20

## 2.2 Cognitive levels

Bloom's taxonomy consists of six levels as shown below.



Bloom's Taxonomy	Bloom's Revised Taxonomy	Description	Degree of Challenge		
			Easy	Medium	Difficult
Evaluation	Creating	Generating, planning, producing	Easy	Medium	Difficult
Synthesis	Evaluating	Critiquing, judging, justifying, recommending	Easy	Medium	Difficult
Analysis	Analysing	Differentiating, organising, attributing, solving	Easy	Medium	Difficult
Application	Applying	Executing, implementing, preparing, using	Easy	Medium	Difficult
Under- standing	Under- standing	Interpreting, exemplifying, classifying, summarising, inferring, comparing, explaining	Easy	Medium	Difficult
Knowledge	Remember- ing	Recognising, recalling, labelling, naming	Easy	Medium	Difficult

The following cognitive levels and weighting are applicable to Mechanical Technology:

	<b>Cognitive Levels</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Lower order</b>	<b>Knowledge:</b> memorise and recall information: arrange, define, label, list, outline, repeat, order	30%
<b>Medium order</b>	<b>Comprehension:</b> (understanding) interpret information in one's own words: describe, indicate, restate, review, summarize, classify	50%
	<b>Application:</b> apply knowledge to new situations: apply, calculate, draw, explain, identify, illustrate, prepare, operate, practice, solve, sketch, use	
<b>Higher order</b>	<b>Analysis:</b> breakdown knowledge into parts and show relationship among parts: analyses, categorize, compare, distinguish, discuss, examine, investigate, and test	20%
	<b>Synthesis:</b> bring together parts of knowledge to form a whole; build relationships for new situation: arrange, compose, formulate, organize, plan, assemble, construct, problem solving	
	<b>Evaluation:</b> make judgments on basis of criteria: appraise, assess, comment on, critically analyses, evaluate, conclude, interrogate, judge, predict, compare, and score	

### 3. CONCLUSION

It is envisaged that this Examination Guidelines document will serve as an instrument to strengthen and empower teachers to set valid and reliable assessment items in all their classroom activities.

This Examination Guidelines document is meant to articulate the assessment aspirations espoused in the CAPS document. It is therefore not a substitute for the CAPS document which teachers should teach to.

Qualitative curriculum coverage as enunciated in the CAPS cannot be over-emphasised.



## 4. Formula Sheet

## FORMULA SHEET FOR MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY – GRADE 12

## 1. BELT DRIVES

$$1.1 \quad \text{Belt speed} = \frac{\pi DN}{60}$$

$$1.2 \quad \text{Belt speed} = \frac{\pi (D+t) \times N}{60} \quad (t = \text{belt thickness})$$

$$1.3 \quad \text{Belt mass} = \text{Area} \times \text{length} \times \text{density} \quad (A = \text{thickness} \times \text{width})$$

$$1.4 \quad \text{Speed ratio} = \frac{\text{Diameter of driven pulley}}{\text{Diameter of driver pulley}}$$

$$1.5 \quad N_1 D_1 = N_2 D_2$$

$$1.6 \quad \text{Open-belt length} = \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4c} + 2c$$

$$1.7 \quad \text{Crossed-belt length} = \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D+d)^2}{4c} + 2c$$

$$1.8 \quad \text{Power (P)} = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$$

$$1.9 \quad \text{Ratio of tight side to slack side} = \frac{T_1}{T_2}$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{(T_1 - T_2) \pi D N}{60} \quad \text{where } T_1 = \text{force in the tight side}$$

$$1.10 \quad \begin{aligned} T_2 &= \text{force in slack side} \\ T_1 - T_2 &= \text{effective force (} T_e \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

$$1.11 \quad \text{Width} = \frac{T_1}{\text{permissible tensile force}}$$

**2. FRICTION CLUTCHES**

2.1  $Torque ( T ) = \mu W n R$   
 where :  $\mu =$  coefficient of friction  
 $W =$  total force  
 $n =$  number of friction surfaces  
 $R =$  effective radius

2.2  $Power ( P ) = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$

**3. STRESS AND STRAIN**

3.1  $Stress = \frac{Force}{Area}$  or  $( \sigma = \frac{F}{A} )$

3.2  $Strain ( \epsilon ) = \frac{change\ in\ length ( \Delta L )}{original\ length ( L )}$

3.3  $Young's\ modulus ( E ) = \frac{stress}{strain}$  or  $( \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} )$

3.4  $A_{shaft} = \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$

3.5  $A_{pipe} = \frac{\pi(D^2 - d^2)}{4}$

**4. HYDRAULICS**

4.1  $Pressure ( P ) = \frac{Force ( F )}{Area ( A )}$

4.2  $Volume = Cross-sectional\ area \times stroke\ length ( l\ or\ s )$

4.3  $Work\ done = force \times distance$

**5. KEYWAYS**

5.1  $Width\ of\ key = \frac{Diameter\ of\ shaft}{4}$

5.2  $Thickness\ of\ key = \frac{Diameter\ of\ shaft}{6}$

5.3  $Length\ of\ key = 1,5 \times Diameter\ of\ shaft$

5.4  $Standard\ taper\ for\ taper\ key: 1\ in\ 100\ or\ 1:100$

**6. LEVERS**

$$6.1 \quad \text{Mechanical advantage ( MA )} = \frac{\text{Load ( W )}}{\text{Effort ( F )}}$$

$$6.2 \quad \text{Input movement ( IM )} = \text{Effort} \times \text{distance moved by effort}$$

$$6.3 \quad \text{Output movement ( OM )} = \text{Load} \times \text{distance moved by load}$$

$$6.4 \quad \text{Velocity ratio ( VR )} = \frac{\text{Input movement}}{\text{Output movement}}$$

**7. GEAR DRIVES**

$$7.1 \quad \text{Power ( P )} = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$$

$$7.2 \quad \text{Gear ratio} = \frac{\text{Product of the number of teeth on driven gears}}{\text{Product of the number of teeth on driving gears}}$$

$$7.3 \quad \frac{N_{\text{input}}}{N_{\text{output}}} = \frac{\text{Product of the number of teeth on driven gears}}{\text{Product of the number of teeth on driving gears}}$$

$$7.4 \quad \text{Torque} = \text{force} \times \text{radius}$$

$$7.5 \quad \text{Torque transmitted} = \text{gear ratio} \times \text{input torque}$$

$$7.6 \quad \text{Module ( m )} = \frac{\text{Pitch-circle diameter ( PCD )}}{\text{Number of teeth ( T )}}$$

$$7.7 \quad N_1 T_1 = N_2 T_2$$

$$7.8 \quad \text{Pitch-circle diameter ( PCD )} = \frac{\text{circular pitch ( CP )} \times \text{number of teeth ( T )}}{\pi}$$

$$7.9 \quad \text{Outside diameter ( OD )} = \text{PCD} + 2 \text{ module}$$

$$7.10 \quad \text{Addendum ( a )} = \text{module ( m )}$$

$$7.11 \quad \text{Dedendum ( b )} = 1,157 m \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Dedendum ( b )} = 1,25 m$$

$$7.12 \quad \text{Cutting depth ( h )} = 2,157 m \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Cutting depth ( h )} = 2,25 m$$

$$7.13 \quad \text{Clearance ( c )} = 0,157 m \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Clearance ( c )} = 0,25 m$$

$$7.14 \quad \text{Circular pitch ( CP )} = m \times \pi$$

**8. SCREW THREADS**

$$8.1 \quad \text{Pitch diameter} = \text{Outside diameter} - \frac{1}{2}\text{pitch}$$

$$8.2 \quad \text{Pitch circumference} = \pi \times \text{pitch diameter}$$

$$8.3 \quad \text{Lead} = \text{pitch} \times \text{number of starts}$$

$$8.4 \quad \text{Height of screw thread} = 0,866 \times P \quad \text{where } p = \text{pitch of the screw thread}$$

$$8.5 \quad \text{Depth of screw thread} = 0,613 \times P \quad \text{where } P = \text{pitch of the screw thread}$$

$$8.6 \quad \text{Number of turns} = \frac{\text{height}}{\text{lead}}$$

**9. CINCINNATI DIVIDING HEAD TABLE FOR THE MILLING MACHINE**

Hole circles											
Side 1	24	25	28	30	34	37	38	39	41	42	43
Side 2	46	47	49	51	53	54	57	58	59	62	66

$$\text{Simple indexing} = \frac{40}{n} \quad (\text{where } n = \text{number of divisions})$$

**THIS IS A GUIDELINE AND NOT A WORK SCHEDULE.**